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E.O. 11652: GDS, 12/31/79

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SUBJECT: MBFR WORKING GROUP MEETING, JULY 31.

1. PART OF THE SECOND REPORT ON MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS:

AC/276-WP(73)16. CHAIRMAN (MINTER) OPENED MEETING BY INVITING
SUBSTANTIVE, INSTRUCTED COMMENTS ON PAPER AS A WHOLE. ASIDE
FROM NORWEGIAN REP WHO STATED HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE INPUT TO
MAKE IN SGMF FORUM ON CONSTRAINTS AS THEY AFFECTED NORTHERN
FLANK, NO BROAD COMMENTS OF SUBSTANCE ON PAPER WERE FORTHCOMING.
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US REP STATED HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO RESERVE ON ENTIRE PAPER
AT THIS TIME. WG THEN WENT THROUGH PAPER CHAPTER BY CHAPTER
TO SURFACE ANY SPECIFIC TEXTUAL CHANGES AND/OR COMMENTS.
SEVERAL REPS PROPOSED NUMBER OF CLARIFYING AND/OR EDITORIAL

CHANGES WHICH STAFF GROUP WILL BUILD INTO NEW DRAFT, ALONG WITH ANY WRITTEN PROPOSALS WHICH WG REPS WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT.

2. FUTURE MBFR WG WORK PROGRAM. CHAIRMAN CIRCULATED TENTATIVE WORK SCHEDULE DEVELOPED BY STAFF GROUP (POUCHED RPM AND ISA) WHICH CONFORMS TO NAC DECISION JULY 11 ON WG MANDATE, AND WHICH ITEMIZES ACTIVITY AND TARGET DATES FOR WORK IN: DATA, MOBILIZATION, MILITARY ANALYSIS OF US REDUCTION OPTIONS, VERIFICATION, CONSTRAINTS, WARNING TIME AND TACAIR. ON DATA, INTERNATIONAL STAFF REP REPORTED THAT AGREED UPDATED AND BEST AVAILABLE WP FIGURES WERE NOW COMPLETE AND WOULD BE ISSUED IN SINGLEPOMPENDIUM NEXT WEEK. RE NATO FIGURES, INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS RE COMPILATION AND THE SETTING OF A FIRM DISSEMINATION DATE BECAUSE THREE COUNTRIES (BELGIUM, TURKEY, AND PORTUGAL) STILL HAD NOT SUBMITTED NATIONAL DATA IN ANY FORM AT ALL, AND ONE COUNTRY (US) HAD NOT SUBMITTED THEM IN A FORM COMPATIBLE WITH NATO FORMAT. IN VIEW OF CENTRAL IMPORTANCE OF AN AGREED, BEST AVAILABLE DATA BASE FOR NEGOTIATORS IN VIENNA, CHAIRMAN URGED WG REPS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WITH CONTRIBUTIONS STILL OUTSTANDING TO OBTAIN THEM SOONEST FROM THEIR AUTHORITIES. BASEL OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF ADDED THAT STATUS OF WG DATA PROBLEM WOULD BE RAISED IN DATA SUBGROUP MEETING NEXT WEEK. MOVING TO ANOTHER SUBJECT, CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT WORK PROGRAM ALREADY OFFERED EXTREMELY FULL PLATE OF ACTIVITIES FOR WG AND SUBGROUPS. HE ADDED THAT SCHEDULE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO ACCOMMODATE SHAPE'S MILITARY ASSESSMENT OF US OPTIONS PAPER (CIRCULATED AUGUST 1 AS AC/276-WP(73)18 AND POUCHED) TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHER NATIONAL PAPERS (E.G., LATEST US, UK AND BELGIAN) WHICH COUNCIL MIGHT ASK WG TO EXAMINE. SINCE WG COULD NOT FORECAST AMOUNT OF TIME OR SCOPE OF TREATMENT IT WOULD HAVE TO DEVOTE TO SHAPE PAPER, HE ASKED WG REPS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS TO STAFF GROUP AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

3. WG AGREED TO MEET NEXT ON AUGUST 14.

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